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SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT ON LDC BACKUP GROUP

1. AT A MEETING ON STRATEGY, THE WASHINGTON LDC BACKUP
GROUP AGREED TO UNDERTAKE A WORK PROGRAM DESIGNED TO ALLOW
THE UNITED STATES IN THE FALL TO SUPPORT, WHERE APPROPRIATE,
THOSE PROPOSALS FOR SPECIAL PROCEDURES AND DIFFERENTIAL
MEASURES FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE GROUP AGREED TO AN
INITIAL STEP OF IDENTIFYING LDC PROPOSALS WHICH SEEM MOST
FEASIBLE. AT THE SAME TIME, AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE WILL
BE RESPONSIBLE FOR IDENTIFYING THE AREAS OF RECIPROCITY.
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2. THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 5
AT WHICH TIME, THE WORK ALREADY SUBMITTED WILL BE REVIEWED
AND THE FUTURE WORK OF THE LDC BACKUP GROUP DECIDED UPON.
PRESENT THINKING OF THE GROUP IS THAT MOST OF THE ANALYSIS
OF THE SPECIFIC MEASURES AFTER INITIAL IDENTIFICATION
SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY THE SPECIFIC WASHINGTON FUNC-
TIONAL GROUPS--THE BASIC WORK OF THE LDC BACKUP GROUP IS
TO MONITOR WHAT IS GOING ON TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR COMMIT-
MENT TO DO OUR BEST "TO SECURE ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR THE

INTERNATIONAL TRADE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES" IS BEING FUL-
FILLED DURING THE PERIOD BEFORE THE DECEMBER TNC. ALSO,
THE CONCENSUS OF THE BACKUP GROUP WAS THAT IN CARRYING OUT
THIS STRATEGY WE WILL EXPECT TO RECEIVE RECOGNITION BY THE
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF OUR EFFORTS TO BE FORTHCOMING AND
RECEIVE IN RETURN SUPPORT, WHERE APPROPRIATE FOR OUR
INITIATIVES IN THE TRADE AREA.

3. MTN DELEGATION IS INVITED TO SUBMIT THEIR SUGGESTIONS.
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